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On 10/19/60 SA W. HARLAN BROWN received a handwritten report dated 10/15/60 from DL-6-S. This report has been serialized as 134-1A-549, and contains the following information:

Informant determined that on 10/15/60 the Viva Kennedy Johnson Club met at FRANK MEDRANO's. After the regular meeting JOE LANDIN prompted by other members, appealed to those present to think about having a perpetual political organization that would continue to meet after the election and whose function would be to sell poll tax and make efforts to eliminate racial discrimination that aim at unpopular groups. If they had voting power with help from others they could vote prejudiced, irresponsible officials out of office. He mentioned the case of VICENTE TREVINO of Riviera, Texas, and the shooting of a 17 year old Latin-American at Fair Park. LANDIN showed a "Dallas Morning News" article that cited the courageous role of a good number of Mexicans who helped in gaining Independence for Texas. Another article gave the number of soldiers (of Mexican descent) who received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Another news article described how a teenager (in Snyder, Texas) had killed an Anglo-American woman. He had mistaken her for a Latin-American and exclaimed that he "hated them all." JOE LANDIN added that in America there should not be a double standard of justice.

LANDIN's appeal was warmly received and others told of their experiences with racial discrimination. They were willing to meet as a political organization after the election. ROBERT H. JONES and ALBERT OROZCO, Forum members, did not comment on LANDIN's speech.

Three officers were added to the club; LYDIA LANDA and JOE LANDIN were elected co-chairman and BOB N. JONES was elected corresponding secretary.

Informant had no additional information.

- 1 - 100-671-8
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- 1 - 100-9848 (F. MEDRANO)
- 1 - 100-8001 (J. LANDIN)
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